

January 16, 1994

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION IN THE
FIELDS OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND
PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

No. 3586

The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Manila presents its compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and with reference to the latter's Note No. 962599 dated 9 October 1996, has the honour to inform the Department of Agriculture of the Republic of the Philippines that the Ministry of Agriculture of the Islamic Republic of Iran has agreed to the former's proposed amendment, as follows:

1) Article V which reads: "Subject to the laws and regulations of their respective countries, the sending Party shall assume cost of international airfare while the receiving Party shall assume the costs of training, accomodations, food and local transportation. The financial obligations of the Parties pertaining to the training programs shall apply only to the training programs conducted by the Parties and not to the training programs conducted by regional or international organizations located in their respective territories."

2) Deletion of Article III of the Memorandum of Understanding

The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines the assurances of its highest consideration.

"Wishing the victory of the oppressed over the oppressors."

Manila, 3 December 1996

Department of Foreign Affairs
Manila

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The Department of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran and, with reference to the Embassy's request of 10 May 1996 for the amendment of Article V of Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Fields of Agricultural Science and Technology and Promotion of Agricultural Trade Between the Republic of the Philippines and the Islamic Republic of Iran which was signed on 16 January 1994, has the honor to inform the Government of Iran that the Philippine Government agrees to the proposed amendment. Article V is now proposed to read as follows:

"Subject to the laws and regulations of their respective countries, the sending Party shall assume the cost of international airfare while the receiving Party shall assume the costs of training, accommodations, food

and local transportation. The financial obligations of the Parties pertaining to the training programs shall apply only to the training programs conducted by the Parties and not to the training programs conducted by regional or international organizations located in their respective territories."

If the above text is acceptable to the Government of Iran, in the interest of proceeding immediately with the implementation of projects already discussed between the Parties, the Philippine Government proposes that this amendment take provisional effect on the date of the note of acceptance from the Embassy, with the understanding that both governments are committed to re-write the whole text of the Memorandum of Understanding to effect other necessary amendments as soon as they complete their respective proposed new texts.

In this connection, the Philippine Government further proposes the following amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding:

1. Deletion of Article III. The establishment of the Joint Commission between the Government of Iran and the Government of the Philippines, which has a Subcommittee on Agriculture, makes the Joint Working Group a superfluity; and
2. Amendments to Articles I and II for the purpose of emphasizing the science and technology aspects of the areas of cooperation. The Philippine Government will be submitting a proposed amended text at a later time.

The Department of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran the assurances of its highest consideration.

Pasay City, 9 October 1996

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The Republic of the Philippines, represented herein by the Department of Agriculture, and the Islamic Republic of Iran, represented herein by the Ministry of Agriculture, hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties;"

Desiring to strengthen the existing friendly relations between the two countries through the development of cooperation in the field of agricultural science and technology and in the promotion of both countries' agricultural products;

Hereby agree to pursue cooperative programs and exchanges in the field of agricultural science and technology and promotion of agricultural products through this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "Memorandum"), to be implemented as follows:

ARTICLE I

Joint activities to be undertaken will be explored and determined by the Parties to accomplish the following:

- 1.1 To promote development of agricultural science and technological cooperation, programs and exchanges will be implemented in conformity with the laws and